

**BIOLOGICAL AIDES (2)** needed to assist the Delaware Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program with horseshoe crab monitoring. Although there is some flexibility, the ideal candidate would be available to start working **30 April through the end of June**. Successful applicants will conduct horseshoe crab egg surveys in support of research and monitoring for the Delaware Shorebird Project. Knowing the food available to migratory shorebirds is a critical aspect of conserving one of the most important shorebird staging areas in North America. Quantifying the abundance and distribution of horseshoe crab eggs will provide an index of eggs available to shorebirds. The team will sample horseshoe crab eggs with sediment core samplers on Delaware Bay beaches following a standardized survey protocol. Significant time will be spent in the field on Delaware Bay beaches collecting sediment samples containing eggs. Lab work will also be required to mechanically separate eggs from the sediment, count eggs, and enter count data into a database. Candidates should be working towards or have received a Bachelor's degree in wildlife biology/management or closely related field. Field or lab experience collecting data is preferred, work well as part of a team, have organized and efficient work habits, and have good attention to detail. Candidates should have the ability and willingness to work long hours under somewhat strenuous (walking on sand and carrying equipment) and uncomfortable (e.g. heat and humidity, biting insects) field conditions, and be able to work a flexible schedule (some extended days) and have a valid driver's license. Salary for this position is \$9.00 per hour with a 40 hour work week. Review of applications begins immediately and will continue until position is filled. To apply send resume, cover letter and contact information for three references to: KEVIN KALASZ (email: kevin.kalaszATstate.de.us; email preferred) or mail to: Kevin Kalasz, NHESP, 4876 Hay Point Landing Rd, Smyrna, DE 19977.